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***Proposed Bill No. 5385***

LCO No. 621

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ECS FORMULA AND SCHOOL  
CONSTRUCTION REIMBURSEMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 10-262h of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes
- 2 be amended to reduce the formula's reliance on a town's grand list as
- 3 the primary measure of ability to pay, and increase the weighting on a
- 4 town's (1) median income, (2) percentage of free and reduced price
- 5 lunches provided in the school system, (3) units of affordable housing
- 6 located within the community, and (4) number of English as a Second
- 7 Language learners in the school system, and other factors relevant to
- 8 the costs associated with educating an economically and socially
- 9 diverse school population. In addition, the state shall increase the
- 10 minimum amount of funding that must be received by priority school
- 11 districts pursuant to the formula and that chapter 173 of the general
- 12 statutes be amended to require that no priority school district shall
- 13 receive capital reimbursements on school construction or renovation
- 14 projects at a rate that varies more than twenty-five per cent from any

15 other priority school district.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To reform the ECS formula so that it better reflects a community's need for state assistance in education funding and school construction reimbursement.